

Craig Team Yields Top Softball Spot to Michigan Bell

Michigan Bell telephone company this week replaced Craig's sporting goods store as leaders of the Birmingham YMCA-city recreation softball league. Technically, however, they trail Fox and Hounds who have one win in one game played.

Michigan Bell won two slug fests Monday and Thursday evenings by defeating police employees 19 to 2 and Birmingham Merchants 12 to 2.

Solid pitching by Raymie McBride and Jim Butraw, who shared mound duties for the Blue and Gold, paved the way as Michigan Bell extended its winning streak to three straight.

Carl Hill and Bud Wilkinson were the hitting stars with four hits each in six times at bat.

FOX AND HOUNDS Inn won its initial game with an eight-inning 2 to 2 win over Postoffice employees.

Bill Golling batted Jim Waldo in the first inning, each allowing but five hits.

Golling's two triples accounted for all of Fox and Hounds Inn's runs. Dick Plauman connected for three out of four for the Post-office employees.

Birmingham Merchants defeated Craig's 6 to 4 last Thursday to topple them from the top rung into third place.

Jake Wade allowed only one hit struck out six but walked nine for his second win.

Joe Huff, with three hits in three times at bat, led both teams.

POSTOFFICE employees' 6 to 5 victory over Craig's was the result of a three-run rally in the sixth inning when three consecutive hits, coupled with a walk and an infield error, spelled defeat for the Red and White.

It was Craig's second loss of the week and dropped them from first place.

Games of last Tuesday were rained out.

The schedule for tonight calls for Craig's to oppose Fox and Hounds Inn at Howarth Field and Postoffice Employees against Birmingham Merchants at St. James Field.

Men interested in playing with any one of the local teams may call the "Y" office.

Not for Storage

The city commission has asked city Manager Donald C. Egbert to investigate the report that contractors are piling building materials too far into the street on Smith and Bird, between Edgewood and Grant.

Sheriff's Officers Capture Prisoner In Southfield Area

Officers from Oakland county sheriff's department captured an escaped prisoner from Howell jail Tuesday evening in Southfield township.

Don Fox, 19, was taken after officers surrounded a wooded area near Nine Mile and Southfield roads. As he was pursued by several patrol cars, the youth jumped from his moving car and fled into nearby woods.

Road blocks also were set up between Eight and Nine Mile and Northwestern and Evergreen.

Another prisoner who escaped with Fox Monday evening was captured earlier Tuesday by sheriff's officers at Lake Orion.

The car Fox was driving had been stolen, officers reported.

The youth was returned to Howell yesterday. Police said he is wanted in Illinois for questioning concerning the killing of a patrolman.

Why Doesn't Someone Tell Him About These Things? Asks Gafliff

It certainly is disconcerting to see city engineers set up surveying instruments in your front yard, John W. Gafliff informed the city commission Monday evening.

"I presume it has something to do with the opening of Park street through from Hamilton to E. Maple, but the city has not extended me the courtesy of a conversation with some official about it all," Gafliff pointed out.

He said the city could complete the opening without having to destroy his home.

Remarked Commissioner Chad M. Ritchie, "Poor public relations on the city's part even though it is only a preliminary engineering survey."

Hills' Commission Confirms Assessments

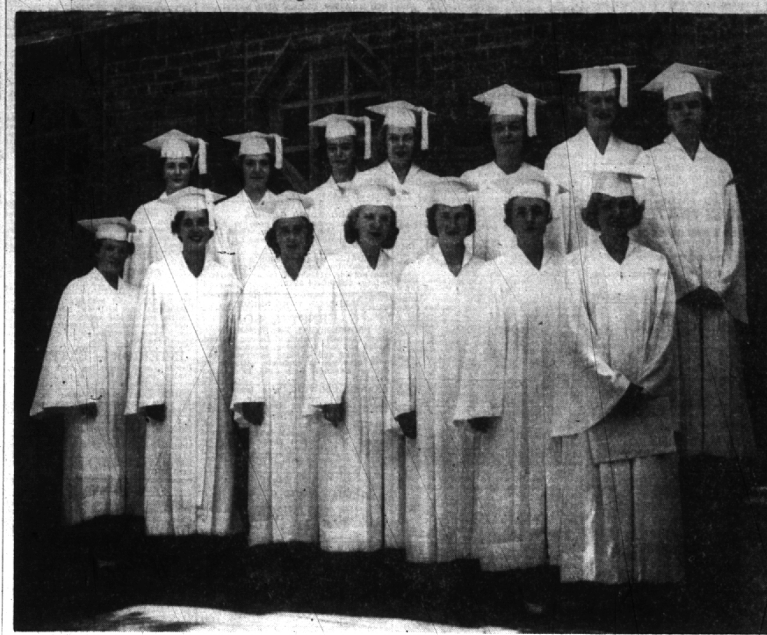
The special assessment district for regravelling Rembrock and Country club drives was confirmed at the Bloomfield Hills city commission meeting Tuesday evening.

A public hearing was held on this matter May 23 and it was approved at that time.

A special assessment district to reurface a portion of Orchard Ridge road north of Vaughan, also was created.

A public hearing will be held to consider this assessment on June 26 at 8 p.m. at the city hall.

Kingswood's Local Graduate:



Several Birmingham and vicinity girls were among the members of the Kingswood School Cranbrook senior class which graduated last Saturday morning.

Pictured above are (back row) Marilyn Howlett, Janet Snader, Mary Grindley, Cynthia Creighton, Marynell Anderson, Marilyn Howlett, Cynthia Booth.

(Front row) Joan Paterson, Julie Otter, Ann Patterson, Jean MacGregor, Nancy Howe, Pat Morgan and Sally Selover.

Jean Pratz was absent when the photograph was taken.

Marx Fall Names New DPW Assistant Superintendent

Marx Fall, superintendent of the department of public works yesterday announced the appointment of Gordon Stauffer, 311 Bryn Mawr road, as assistant superintendent of the department.

Stauffer was graduated this month from the Michigan college of Mines and Technology at Houghton with a degree in mechanical engineering. His appointment became effective Monday.

He has been a resident of Birmingham since 1929, coming here from Chicago. Stauffer is 25 years old.

Assessment Districts for Blacktopping Set by Southfield Board

Special assessment districts for blacktopping roads were created by the Southfield township board Tuesday evening.

Included were Cornell, Dorset, Melrose and Roxbury streets in Macrosia subdivision; Berkshire, Buckingham, Dunblaine and Birdwood, and Hampton, Hemstead and Bell-Vine.

A public hearing to consider the assessments will be held June 27 at the next meeting of the township board.

The board also approved plans for a new tract of land to be known as Kenway subdivision on 13 Mile road.

BIDS WERE OPENED for construction of sewers at the Birwood subdivision.

The two lowest bidders were M. Mickelsen Co. and Coulier brothers. Engineers of the project will make a recommendation of which bid to accept. D. P. Frame, township supervisor, said.

A permit was also granted for fireworks at the St. Michael's fair which will be held June 28 to July 4 at the corner of Eight Mile and Northwestern.

City to Eliminate Fire Hazard Thru Court Action

Action to eliminate a fire hazard at the corner of Eton and Cole streets will be filed in justice court by the city, it was decided Monday evening by city commission.

The lot is littered with tree stumps and branches, the commission points out, and is a fire hazard to nearby homes.

Obituary Notices

MRS. CAROLINE GODAU, 65, died at her home, 1085 Hazel street, last week Wednesday after a long illness.

She was born in Lubek, Germany on July 27, 1884 and was married to Walter Godau in 1902. She was a member of the Lutheran church.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Godau is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Fred Grosser of Flushing, N. Y., and a son, Charles W., of Birmingham.

Services were held from the Manly Bailey funeral home Saturday afternoon with burial in White Chapel cemetery.

Tom Ladd Awarded Athletic Honor At Military School

Tom Ladd, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hart Ladd, 712 Ridgedale, has been awarded the Jack Nourse medal given annually to the outstanding track athlete in the lower school at Howe Military school, Howe, Ind.

Tom, an eighth grade student, set a new world record for the 100-yard dash this spring when he ran it in the exceptionally fast time of 10.7.

Besides track, he also won letters in baseball and basketball at Howe. As second baseman on the baseball team, he hit a robust 666 this season.

Last fall, as a member of the Holy Name football team, Tom was named as third team halfback on the CVO Metropolitan grade school selections.

Neighbors Protest Further Improvement of Grant Street

Plans to permanently improve Grant street between Catalpa and 14 Mile were indefinitely shelved by the city commission Monday evening after neighboring residents protested the improvement.

Property owners suggested that the city first put in the gravel road for which property owners were assessed starting in 1939.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert said the gravel would be installed this year, and that there probably would be a reassessment because gravel costs have gone up

May Accident Report Hits Two-Year Low; Motorists Praised

The Birmingham police department reported 18 accidents for the past month, the lowest figure in two years. Of these, only one resulted in injuries to any person. Property damage was \$2,070.

In February, 1948, 17 accidents were recorded with two personal injuries. During the past several months 2 to 11 persons each month have been injured.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley believes stricter enforcement of traffic laws by both officers and court officials was responsible for the better record.

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W. Bloomfield Increases Size of Zoning Board

By Helen Giddings

WALNUT LAKE — The new zoning ordinance for West Bloomfield township will be adopted under provisions of recent state legislation, the township board decided at its regular meeting June 13.

The state law, is being widely adopted throughout Michigan and will facilitate drawing up and enforcing a better zoning ordinance, the board voted to increase the zoning board from four to seven members. At the next regular meeting they will prepare a suggested list of new members for the approval of the probate judge.

STREET SIGNS for approved subdivision streets in the township are ready for installation.

The board voted to pay \$5,622.43 to the Oakland county road commission for the signs and installation.

The town hall auditorium is to get acoustical tile on the ceiling.

Bids for a new police car were rejected and more complete specifications will be readied. The bid for a one and a half ton Chevrolet truck from Barney Hall was accepted.

Building permits for residential and commercial buildings of an

Postmaster Returns from State Conclave

Acting Postmaster Bernhard Foster has returned from a state postmasters convention held earlier this month at Sault Ste. Marie.

One of the outstanding speakers, according to Foster, was Congressman Charles E. Foster of Michigan's 11th district, who told his listeners it is "utterly ridiculous" to expect the post-office to pay its own way.

Foster compared the postoffice system to the army engineers, who "build harbors and make river improvements but no one expects the federal government to receive reimbursement for the work."

The congressman also believes the office of postmaster should be taken out of politics and should be determined by the ability of the individual, not his politically influential friends.

New Street Light

A new street light has been ordered for the intersection of Cummings and Chapin. City Manager Donald C. Egbert said this week.

Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

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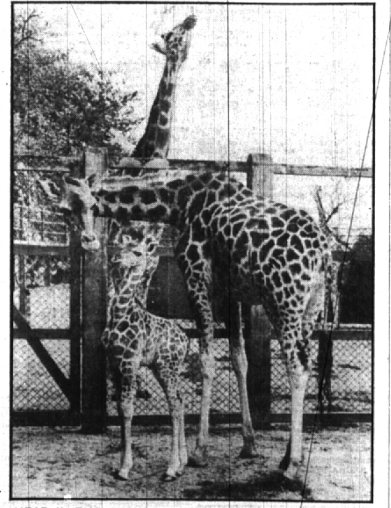
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HEAD IN THE CLOUDS—"Twiga," in the background, giraffe offspring of week-old "Sambo," seems mighty proud of the attention his father is receiving at the Whipsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire, England. The newcomer's mother, "Gleize," however, is a bit more down to earth, advising her youngster to rubberneck right back at the curious spectators.